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EXPORTS OF FRUITS
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity and value of fruits exported especially, Mango and Banana during the last three years and as on date, year-wise and fruit-wise;

(b) whether the export is not commensurate with the extent of production;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps being taken by the Government to boost up the export of these items?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY(SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a) The quantity and value of major fruits exported from India during the last 3 years is given below:-

(Quantity in metric tons;Value in Rupees in crore)

	2004-05		2005-06		2006-07	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
Grapes	39338.95	128.45	54049.87	214.61	85897.78	301.92
Mangoes	53480.02	89.61	69606.60	128.11	79060.88	141.94
Pomegranates	14039.99	29.89	19652.15	56.70	21670.43	79.57
Apples	23225.21	26.35	30043.88	38.13	25970.79	31.39
Bananas	12817.74	13.43	14411.13	23.36	11475.56	16.07
Papaya	3700.96	5.31	6434.01	6.65	10344.41	1.60
Sapota	951.14	1.05	1180.94	2.24	2089.43	7.44

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(Source: DGCIS) Detailed export data for fruits for the year 2007-08 is not available.

(b) The production of fruits in India during 2004 and export from the country in 2004-05 are given below:- (Quantity in metric tons) Year Production Exports %of fruit exported Quantity Quantity 2004 5048900 235624 4.66
(Source: Production: NHB; Export Data: DGC&IS)

(c) The comparatively low export of fruit from the country are mainly due to following reasons:-

(i) Huge domestic consumption.

(ii) Limited commercial varieties.

(iii) Infrastructure bottle necks.

(iv) Non tariff barriers imposed by importing countries.

(v) Inefficient logistics and delivery system.

(vi) Lack of high packaging standards.

(d) The Agricultural & Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) has been taking various measures to promote export of fruits. These include:

(i) Setting up of centers for perishable cargo at International Airports at Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai, Bangalore and Thiruvananthapuram, common pack houses, and other infrastructural facilities.

(ii) Setting up and upgradation of testing laboratories and implementation of residue monitoring plans, development of packaging and preparation of pre and post harvest manuals for export of agri produce including fruits.

(iii) Setting up of Agri Export Zones for agri produce including fruits.

(iv) Participation in international trade fairs, organisation of promotional campaigns, buyer seller meets and training programmes for certification bodies and farmers

(v) Financial assistance to its registered exporters under its schemes for Financial assistance for Infrastructure Development, Market Development, Quality Development, Research & Development and Transport assistance.